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In re Application of:

Marc ALIZON et al.

Group Art Unit: 1637

Application No.: 08/308,219

Examiner: Jeffrey Norman Fredman

Filed: September 19, 1994

For: DNA SEQUENCE OF THE LTR REGION OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY

VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV-1) (as amended)

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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 21**

In response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2002 (Paper No. 21), the period for reply to which has been extended by the submission of petition for a three-month extension of time and fee concurrently herewith, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Please amend this application as follows.

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 11 and 12 add the following new claims:

-- 15. (NEW) A nucleic acid encoded by a DNA sequence of human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1), wherein the DNA is free of particles of said virus and the DNA consists of the sequence:

8570 8580 8590 8600 8610 GGGGGACTGG CGAAGACAAG ATATCCTTGA AAGGGCTAAT TCACTCCCAA 8660 8620 8630 8640 8650 TCTGTGGATC TACCACACAC AAGGCTACTT CCCTGATTGG CAGAACTACA

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